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My dear Mr. Garrison,

Your reply to the Advertiser's criticisms on your views of the 'Conciliation Policy' gratified me exceedingly. It is unanswerable and the answer attempted does not deserve the name. The Hayes papers show to less advantage in their treatment of those whose opposition to the policy is now justified, than in their original want of foresight & utter blindness to the signs of the times. If they keep it up much longer, we shall hardly know how to [illegible]

[illegible] week to [illegible] astonishing fact reported to the Boston Board [illegible] week [illegible] know himself, & [illegible] he knows when his convictions [illegible] right. His answer [illegible] & [illegible] invited us in this case [illegible] can attend for [illegible] fully & decent [illegible] likeminded [illegible] respect on any platform.

Truly Yrs
Samuel J. May

an explanation adequate even to their honesty. In face of the completest confirmation of our predictions that could be conceived they still sneer at "bloody shirt" outrages", and denounce the "mischief makers" who will not let alone the "Era of good feeling" they persist in promising, even in asserting. Nothing worse in the many forms of thwarting the Negro & his claims out of right can be found, in my judgment, during the whole period of compromise & concession which invited the South to attempt the destruction of our nationality. This whole class of "Republicans" (!) are thoroughly panic stricken. They gave in even before the nomination of Hayes, admitting that nothing could be done to save freedom at the South,

& practically begging the merits=
ble "Solid Democracy" there, to
have mercy on the ~~**~~ Northern
"prejudice" whose very victories
in the field, as it seems, abolished its own right
of interference in behalf of hu-
manity or justice, or even Con-
stitutional Law! And there
they sit, these new Micawbers,
& hope "something will turn up",
if they only keep up their spirits,
& whistle away the importunate
facts of their situation. Whether
they will ever thank "the likes of
you" for incessantly pricking
them, with the thunderbolts
upon their drowsy heads, is doubt-
ful. But the day will come,
when Abolitionist insight will
be justified again, in sight of
Mammon & Moloch themselves.

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Of the Advertiser, I can only say that its course on this matter pains me: for I know the Editor & respect him, and would rejoice as much as any one to see him free from what I must regard as a delusion. In many & most matters the Advertiser takes ground with the wisest & best men in the County & has done noble service, I need not say that I have no sympathy with the intensification of its views on Southern matters, which this criticism of your letter reveals.— Still less, if possible, do I enjoy the wretched witchcraft of Cook's Monday Lectures, with which it regales the greedy mouths that devour abuse and slang. The Free Rel. Assoc. (of which by the way, I am not a member) can take care of itself, & will not lose anything by his reckless tirades. As much cannot be said for any paper which